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SUBJECT: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DISCUSSES PLOT

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1. IN SPECIAL (BUT NOT CLOSED) SESSION HELD YESTERDAY  
(NOV 3), HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DISCUSSED AT LENGTH  
RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY GOVERNMENT BACKBENCHER  
"JOHNNY" CHELTENHAM, RELATING TO ALLEGED PLOT TO OVERTHROW  
GOB. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF RESOLUTION READ AS FOLLOWS:

"AND WHEREAS THE PRIME MINISTER HAS DRAWN TO THE  
ATTENTION OF THE COUNTRY THE EXISTENCE OF A PLOT TO  
OVERTHROW THE LAWFULLY CONSTITUTED AND DULY ELECTED  
GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS:

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"AND WHEREAS THIS DISCLOSURE HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE

PUBLIC ANXIETY AND DISQUIET;

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS HOUSE CONDEMN THIS THREAT  
TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRCEDURES AND TO THE DEMOCRATIC  
INSTITUTIONS OF THIS COUNTRY.

"AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS HOUSE PLEDGE  
ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE WHATEVER  
MEASURES ARE NECESSARY TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION."

2. DURING DEBATE, PRIME MINISTER J.M.G. "TOM" ADAMS FOR  
FIRST TIME NAMED SYDNEY BURNETT ALLEYNE AS THE BARBADIAN  
ARRESTED IN MARTINIQUE. HE ALLEGED THAT ALLEYNE HAD ALSO  
MADE THREATS AGAINST LIVES OF BARBADOS DELEGATION TO CURRENT  
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THAT HIS WIFE HAD RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE  
A THREAT TO KIDNAP THE TWO ADAMS CHILDREN, AND THAT HE,  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ST. JOHN AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS/ATTORNEY GENERAL FORDE HAD HAD THEIR NAMES PUT  
ON A "DEATH LIST." HE CITED DETAILS REGARDING THE INVOLVE-  
MENT OF EARL GLASGOW, FORMERLY PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO  
PRIME MINISTER BARROW, WHO HE SAID HAD ARRANGED FOR THE  
LODGING OF THE TWO AMERICANS SINCE DEPORTED. FINALLY, HE  
NOTED THAT GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES HAD UNDER SURVEILLANCE  
ONE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, A FORMER SENATOR, AND A CANDIDATE  
IN THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION.

3. BOTH EX-PRIME MINISTER BARROW AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION  
FREDERICK SMITH REPLIED ITO ADAMS' REMARKS. BARROW NOTED THAT  
ALLEYNE HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LABOR PARTY (DLP)  
FIVE YEARS BEFORE AND DENIED THAT HE WAS OR EVER HAD BEEN A  
FRIEND OF THE ALLEGED CONSPIRATOR. HE ALSO REVEALED THAT  
HE HAD HIMSELF RECEIVED SEVERAL LETTERS CONTAINING THREATS  
BY ALLEYNE AGAINST HIS LIFE. SMITH CATEGORICALLY DENIED  
DLP INVOLVEMENT IN THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY AND SAID HE  
WOULD SUPPORT THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE LAW AGAINST ANYONE  
FOUND GUILTY OF ATTEMPTING TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT  
BY VIOLENT MEANS. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE  
OF A PLOT BY ANYONE, EXCEPT THAT A "DANGEROUS CRACKPOT  
AND SCHIZOPHRENIC" WAS IN JAIL IN MARTINIQUE.

4. THE HOUSE ADJOURNED WITHOUT TAKING ANY POSITIVE ACTION  
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ON THE RESOLUTION.

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5. ACTING CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD DCM YESTERDAY  
THAT CANADIAN UNDER ARREST IN MARTINIQUE HAS NO CRIMINAL  
RECORD, IS APPARENTLY A MORE-OR-LESS INNOCENT DUPE.

6. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY, THREAT TO KIDNAP ADAMS CHILDREN WAS MADE IN BARBADOS, RATHER THAN NEW YORK, SINCE PRIME MINISTER'S WIFE DID NOT ACCOMPANY HIM ON RECENT TRIP TO US. NOT ONLY ADAMS' STATEMENT BUT OTHER REPORTS HEARD BY EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT GLASGOW'S ROLE IN THIS AFFAIR IS AMBIGUOUS. THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE HE MAY HAVE GONE TO POLICE TO REPORT PRESENCE OF CAPPADOR AND VIRGA ONLY AFTER ANOTHER INFORMANT HAD ALREADY DONE SO. SPECULATION HAS IT THAT MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, FORMER SENATOR, AND CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTION ARE, RESPECTIVELY, BARROW HIMSELF, LEROY BRATHWAITE (WHO, IN ADDITION TO BEING MEMBER OF THE SENATE PRIOR TO ELECTION, WAS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER), AND DR. "RICHIE" HAYNES, WHO BARROW ALLEGEDLY HOPED WOULD SUCCEED HIM AS HEAD OF GOVERNMENT.

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